

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 261.3, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby amends Chapter 12, "Iowa Tuition Grant Program," and Chapter 17, "Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment to Chapter 12 changes the date by which a college or university must apply for participation in the Iowa Tuition Grant Program. The change is necessary due to the federal Department of Education's change in the release of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the importance of information received from the FAFSA in projecting future awards under the state program.

The amendments to Chapter 17 update language with respect to the submission of employment information, change the date by which a college must apply for participation in the Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant Program due to the federal Department of Education's change in the release of the FAFSA, and ensure that the disbursement of funding is aligned with need.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on June 22, 2016, as **ARC 2582C**. No comments were received. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Commission does not intend to grant waivers under the provisions of these rules.

After analysis and review of this rule making, the Commission finds that there is no impact on jobs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 261.

These amendments will become effective on November 16, 2016.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 12.2(2) as follows:

**12.2(2) Processing college and university applications.** Application forms will be provided by the commission.

Applicant colleges and universities are required to provide the commission with documentation establishing eligibility as described in 12.2(1).

Colleges and universities seeking to participate in the Iowa tuition grant program must submit applications by ~~January 1~~ October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which they are applying for participation.

Applicant colleges and universities must submit written plans outlining academic programs that integrate summer attendance in accelerated programs prior to making summer awards. If the summer program is approved by the commission, an applicant's students may receive Iowa tuition grants beginning in the summer following approval. Academic programs, defined by colleges or universities, which allow students to complete four-year baccalaureate programs in less than the normal prescribed time period while taking the same courses as students completing the same degree during a traditional four-year time period will be approved. A summer academic program may be defined for a group of students or may be a self-directed program in which a student has received approval from appropriate officials of the college or university.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **17.2(1)"f"** as follows:

*f.* Submit an annual report which includes student and faculty information, enrollment and employment information, and other information required by the commission as described in Iowa Code ~~sections section 261.9 through 261.16~~; and

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **17.2(2)"b"** as follows:

*b.* Colleges seeking to participate in the barber and cosmetology arts and sciences tuition grant program must submit applications by ~~January 1~~ October 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the academic year for which they are applying for participation.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **17.2(4)“c”**:

*c.* If a school does not expend its entire allocation, the unspent funds must be returned to the commission. The school’s allocation for the following fiscal year will be reduced by the amount of the unspent allocation.

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